

SUMMARY OF SAVA COMMITTEE ACTIONS - AUGUST 19, 2015

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***Note: This is not the official minutes log of the meeting. An official minutes log will be prepared and posted to the Aug. 14, 2015, meeting page when it is complete.**

- voted to not allow proxy voting;
- elected Sen. Dee Brown as presiding officer and Rep. Bryce Bennett as vice presiding officer;
- agreed that the committee's research staff should prepare a report on the statutory advisory councils and the statutorily-required reports to the committee so the committee could decide at the next meeting about how to handle its House Bill 142 (2011) duties to consider whether to amend or repeal the statutes concerning these advisory councils and reports;
- agreed that with respect to the committee's rule review duties, the committee's legal staff would provide presentations on rule review memos only in response to committee member questions or if staff determines there is a rule issue that deserves the committee's attention;
- agreed that statutorily required reports to the committee should be provided to committee members in writing but that presentations on the reports would only be made if approved by the committee in response to a committee member's request;
- agreed that the committee's research staff should develop a study plan for the House Joint Resolution 21 study of personal information ownership in a manner that recognizes the study should first seek to clarify the level of ownership individuals have now under current law, then examine methods by which individuals may protect their ownership rights without severely inhibiting private sector and government functions, and finally explore additional opportunities to provide individuals with greater power and control over their personal information, including what other states have done, keeping in mind the benefits of data collection in both the public and private sectors and impacts on businesses;
- agreed that all of the types of personal information listed in HJR 21 should be examined on an equal basis, recognizing there may be more opportunities for legislative recommendations in certain areas rather than others, and that the study should encompass information shared between public agencies, between public and private sector entities, and between private sector entities;
- agreed that the committee's work plan should include consideration of statutory refinements that may be required due to enactment of House Bill 84 (2015) generally revising election laws;
- agreed that the percentages of time allocated to the committee's various duties as proposed by staff in the draft work plan should be the starting point for the committee's work priorities during the interim;
- instructed staff to place on the committee's website a link to the Commissioner of Political Practice's webpage containing its proposed rules and email address for sending public comments;
- voted to object to the COPP's new rules and rule amendments contained in MAR Notice no. 44-2-207, to place consideration of these rules and rule amendments on the agenda for the committee's next meeting, and to have the committee's legal staff send notice of the committee's objection to the COPP in writing, as required by statute; and
- set October 14 as the committee's next meeting date, with a start time of 9 a.m., and decided to set a tentative meeting date calendar for the remainder of the interim at the October meeting.